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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FAA BOEING 737 PILOT ORAL AND PRACTICAL TESTS BY NIGERIA DCA

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REF: STATE 0698 22

1. AS SOON AS FRANCIS OBI RETURNED FROM LONDON ON THIS MORNING' S FLIGHT HE CALLED EMBASSY TO INQUIRE WHETHER FAA WILL BE ABLE TO HELP WITH HIS PILOT CERTIFICATION PROBLEM. EMBASSY EXPLAINED THAT FAA UNCERTAIN AS TO JUST WHAT MOT WANTS. OBI PROMPTLY REPLIED THAT A LET-TER SIMILAR TO THAT RECEIVED BY 707 TRAINEES IN 1971 (TEXT INDICATED IN LAGOS 2965) IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR HIS CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION TO ISSUE NIGERIAN LI-CENSES.

2. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, EMBASSY SAID BEST WAY TO HANDLE FAA CHECKING WOULD BE FOR MOT TO COMPLETS FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR MANY MONTHS. OBI REJOINED THAT HE SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE THE FMG INTER-NAL PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN
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SUCH A FORMAL DOCUMENT. HE ASKED WHETHER THIS COULD BE DONE BY A SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS ON A ONE-TIME BASIS ONLY. SUCH A PROCEDURE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MOT LATE LAST YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH CERTIFICATION SOME ENGINEERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 205544.

3. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM MOT ASKING FOR HELP ON ONE- TIME BASIS ALONG LINES DISCUSSED WITH OBI. MOT OPENS ENT CATEGORIES AND GRADES ARE THOSE BEST SUITED TO THE ORGANIZATIONS' NEEDS; AND (2) TO CONSIDER CAREER PROSPECTS WITHIN THE COORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS.

4. IF COMMITTEE PROCEEDS RECOMMEND ESTABLISHMENT GROUP OF EXPERTS ON BASIS REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE, US WILL BE ASKED IF WE WILLING FURNISH AND FUND A US EXPERT SERVE ON COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS. GENERAL THOUGHT IS THAT EXPERTS WOULD BE SENIOR GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL HAVING BROAD MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION.

4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION LIFT AD REFERENDUM PARA 1 AND INSTRUCTIONS ON PARA 4.
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